

METHODS AND PROCEDURES

Special Procedures—Procedures for Precleared Apples and Pears from New Zealand

Due to the interceptions of the apple leaf curl midge (*Dasineura mali*), and pear leaf curling midge (*Dasineura pyri*), apply the following procedures to **all** shipments of precleared apples and pears from New Zealand. The preclearance officer in New Zealand will inspect the apples or pears and write a “midge” statement on the PPQ Form 203. The statement will cite whether midges were found during inspection.

Shipments with a PPQ Form 203 that states midges are present

If shipments arrive with a 203 that states “Midges are present;” the shipment may **not** enter the State of California. If the shipment of apples or pears are for California, give the importer the following options:

- To destroy the shipment
- To re-export the shipment
- To fumigate the shipment for midges
- To ship to another State (you may allow the shipment to transit California)

In such cases, it is unnecessary to inspect the shipment. When completing The Emergency Action Notice, cite Section 414 of the Plant Protection Act as your authority for taking action.

Shipments with a PPQ Form 203 that states midges are absent:

- Allow the shipment to enter at any Port of Entry. It is unnecessary to inspect the shipment

Shipments with a PPQ Form 203 lacking a midge statement:

If the shipment arrives at:	And is destined for:	Then:
A California port	A State other than California	Safeguard (seal/transit permit) and allow movement out of the State of California without inspection.
	California	1. Conduct a tailgate inspection for the first 5-10 boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no pests are found, pull the rest of the 30 boxes randomly from throughout the B/L* • If midges are found during inspection, see instructions above, for “If shipments arrive with a 203 stating midges are present”
Other than a California port	California	2. Send the midge to the Identifier at the Los Angeles Inspection Station
	A State other than California	No further action is necessary

*The inspection rate is based on a 10% infestation rate with a 95% confidence level. (this inspection rate is for the midges and **not** the target pest.)